

## Message Text

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DEPARTMENT PASS AAFLI

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SUBJECT: ASIAN-AMERICAN FREE LABOR INSTITUTE (AAFLI)

ON SEPTEMBER 9 EMBASSY SENT LETTER TO DIRECTOR GENERAL, RTG  
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, SUWIT YINGWORAPHAN, IN SUPPORT OF  
AAFLI PROGRAM IN THAILAND. TEXT, COPY OF WHICH SHOWN TO AAFLI  
REPRESENTATIVE SUAZO, READS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE DEAR MR DIRECTOR GENERAL:

AS YOU KNOW, THE ASIAN-AMERICAN FREE LABOR INSTITUTE (AAFLI)  
HAS MADE APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION WITH THE ROYAL THAI  
GOVERNMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXISTING REGULATIONS. I WOULD  
LIKE TO REQUEST YOUR HELP IN FACILITATING THE PROCESSING OF THAT  
APPLICATION AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

THE ASIAN-AMERICAN FREE LABOR INSTITUTE (AAFLI) IS A  
PRIVATE, NON-PROFIT, VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATION ESTABLISHED  
UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR-CONGRESS  
OF INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATIONS (AFL-CIO) AAFLI'S PURPOSE IS TO  
PROVIDE LABOR ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IN ASIA FOR THE DEVELOPMENT  
AND STRENGTHENING OF FREE AND DEMOCRATIC LABOR  
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MOVEMENTS.

AAFLI RECEIVES PARTIAL BUDGETARY SUPPORT FROM THE U.S.  
GOVERNMENT UNDER A CONTINUOUS GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE  
AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (AID). THIS MONEY IS GIVEN  
TO AAFLI IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE  
FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1961 , WHICH STATES THAT IT IS UNITED

STATES' POLICY TO ENCOURAGE THE EFFORTS OF OTHER COUNTRIES TO STRENGTHEN FREE AND DEMOCRATIC LABOR MOVEMENTS. THE CONTRACT BETWEEN AID AND AAFLI PROVIDES THAT AAFLI WILL "WORK THROUGH APPROPRIATE HOST COUNTRY LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN PLANNING AND CARRYING OUT MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE PROGRAMS. SUCH PROGRAMS SHALL BE UNDERTAKEN WITH THE KNOWLEDGE AND CONSENT OF THE HOST GOVERNMENT."

IN JANUARY 1975 AAFLI ASSIGNED VALENTIN B. SUAZO, JR. TO BANGKOK AS A FULL TIME COUNTRY PROGRAM DIRECTOR FOR THAILAND. THIS ASSIGNMENT WAS MADE WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL IN THE ROYAL THAI GOVERNMENT'S DEPARTMENT OF LABOR. DURING THE PAST TWO AND ONE HALF YEARS AAFLI HAS UNDERTAKEN A NUMBER OF LABOR ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES IN THAILAND. THESE INCLUDE ORGANIZING LABOR SEMINARS, SPONSORING TRAINING PROGRAMS, PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS AND ADVISING THAI LABOR LEADERS ON COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS. ON AUGUST 2, 1977, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, YOU TOLD AAFLI REPRESENTATIVES TO SUSPEND ALL ACTIVITIES IN THAILAND PENDING A GENERAL REVIEW OF ALL INTERNATIONAL LABOR ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS OPERATING IN THAILAND. YOU ALSO ADVISED THE AAFLI REPRESENTATIVES TO PROCEED WITH AAFLI'S PENDING APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION.

IN CONSIDERATION OF THE FACTORS WHICH I HAVE OUTLINED ABOVE, I HOPE THAT THE CURRENT REVIEW OF LABOR ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS CAN BE EXPEDITED AND THAT A FAVORABLE DECISION WILL BE MADE ON AAFLI'S LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PENDING APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION, SO THAT IT WILL BE PERMITTED TO RESUME NORMAL ACTIVITIES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

SINCERELY YOURS,  
DANIEL A. O'DONOHUE  
MINISTER/COUNSELOR UNQUOTE  
WHITEHOUSE

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